

on my part as a Senator from Minnesota, some different parts of campaign finance reform as amendments on other bills. I want colleagues to know that this time I am not objecting to the UC for recess. But, come next spring—and this is plenty of warning—that may very well happen.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I reclaim my time. I understand. As I have said earlier this year, and again here today, every Senator is within his or her rights to offer amendments. I know, as we go forward, there will be disagreements, and I know that the Senator from Minnesota is going to pursue this issue. He is entitled to do that. I appreciate his comments today and that he is not going to object. We will have to see how it moves forward in the future.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 21) was agreed to, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 21

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, February 13, 1997, it stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate adjourns or recesses at the close of business on Thursday, February 13, 1997, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in accordance with this concurrent resolution, it stand recessed or adjourned until 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 24, 1997, or such time on that day as may be specified by the Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 1:30 on Monday, February 24, the Senate begin consideration of House Joint Resolution 36 under the statutory limitations. I further ask that following the expiration or yielding back of the 2-hour debate limit, the resolution be considered read the third time and set aside; and, finally, beginning at 2:10, Tuesday, February 25, there be 5 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, prior to a vote on the resolution, which would begin at 2:15 on Tuesday, February 25, with no further intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this is the population planning language. In our

continuing resolution, last year, we included statutory language that would require a vote before funds could be released. This is dealing with that issue. Therefore, there will be a vote around 2:15 on Tuesday on that population planning issue.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, February 24, immediately following the vote on or in relation to the Byrd amendment, Senator REID be recognized to offer an amendment relative to Social Security. I further ask unanimous consent that when the Senate convenes on Tuesday, February 25, the time between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. be equally divided in the usual form on the Reid amendment.

I also ask unanimous consent that following the vote at 2:15 on Tuesday, February 25, the Senate resume debate on the Reid amendment until 6 p.m., with a vote occurring on or in relation to the Reid amendment beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25.

I finally ask that on Wednesday, February 26, Senator FEINSTEIN be recognized at 9 a.m. to offer an amendment, with the time between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. divided equally in the usual form for debate on the Feinstein amendment; and, finally, a vote to occur on or in relation to the Feinstein amendment at 11 a.m. on the 26th.

I also ask that no amendments be in order to Reid or Feinstein or any language proposed to be stricken.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, that means we will have a vote on the Byrd amendment around 5:30 on Monday. We will come in at 9 on Tuesday, the week of the 24th and 25th, and we will have debate during the morning of Tuesday on the Reid amendment. We will recess for the policy luncheons then and come in at 2:15 for a vote on the population planning issue. We will continue to debate the Reid amendment after that, with a vote at 6 o'clock on Tuesday, the 25th. We will come in at 9 o'clock on Wednesday and begin the debate on the Feinstein amendment and vote at 11 o'clock.

I thank the Democratic leader for his cooperation in getting these three amendments to the constitutional amendment for a balanced budget scheduled. Because of that cooperation, I did not file a cloture motion this afternoon. That is somewhat risky, because if we don't get good cooperation, if we don't work through these amendments with time agreements, that will mean that I could not file a cloture motion and require a vote until Wednesday of that week. But if the Members will work with us in good

faith, on both sides, if we make progress and we move toward completion of the constitutional amendment that first week that we are back, ending the 28th, then maybe a cloture motion will not be necessary. But we must have cooperation on these amendments to either get the ones that are not serious dispensed with, or to get a vote scheduled quickly on Wednesday of that week.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 581

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 581 has arrived from the House. I would ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows.

A bill (H.R. 581) to provide that the President may make funds appropriated for population planning and other population assistance available on March 1, 1997, subject to restrictions on assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I would now ask for its second reading and object to my own request on behalf of the other side of the aisle.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

OMNIBUS COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTION FOR 1997 AND 1998

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 16, Senate Resolution 54.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows.

A resolution (S. Res. 54) authorizing biennial expenditures by committees of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 54) was agreed to, as follows: